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Ref: 2234-20082

Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Miogyp Sand, RA SUB and SUC
LAKESIDE FIELD
Cameron Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Miogyp Sand, Reservoir A, SUB and SUC in the Lakeside Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

In its application, The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC intends to request the following, to wit:

1. To create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 640 acres each designated as the MIOGYP RA SUB and MIOGYP RA SUC, Lakeside Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The Miogypsinoides Sand, Reservoir A in the Lake Side Field was previously defined by Office of Conservation Order No. 113-P, effective June 15, 1999 and revised by Office of Conservation Order No. 113-P-1, effective October 23, 2001.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 3, 2002. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference. The rights of the parties were reserved.

The conference was opened by Mr. William F. Bailey. Mr. Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It appears that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

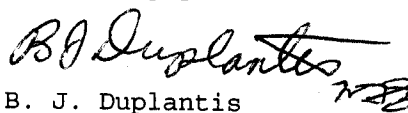
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Miogyp Sand, Reservoir A, SUB and SUC, Lakeside Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Jim Hardwick of Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70598-0972 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

